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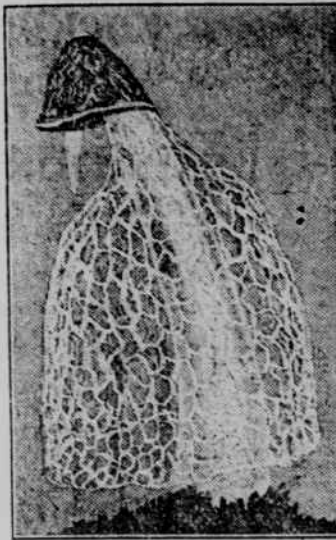
Text of the Lesson, Luke 1, 57-80.
Memory Verses, 76, 77—Golden Text,
Luke 1, 68—Commentary Prepared by
Rev. D. M. Stearns.

Will some one tell why the visit of
Gabriel to Mary, with the most won-
derful announcement ever made to any
mortal, is wholly omitted, and the
Christmas lesson of Dec. 24 again as-
signed for Feb. 4? It is not ours to
reason why, but simply to pray, Lord
talk with us by the way and open to
us the Scriptures. May each one no-
tice and firmly believe the assurance
of the supernatural birth and Mary's
acceptance of it, perhaps little dream-
ing the cost to herself of such an hon-
or (verses 35, 38). Then notice the
plain and simple prediction concern-
ing the throne of David and the con-
ing kingdom (verses 30-33). See Eliza-
beth and Zacharias filled with the
Holy Spirit and note all their words
(verses 41, 67). Observe carefully the
R. V. of verse 37. "No word from
God shall be void of power." I have
in my mind associated with this Isa.
lv, 11. "It shall not return unto me
void, but it shall accomplish that which
I please." When Elizabeth, filled with
the Holy Spirit, said, "Blessed is she
that believed, for there shall be a per-
formance of those things which were
told her from the Lord" (verse 45),
then Mary burst forth with, "My soul
doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit
hath rejoiced in God my Saviour," clos-
ing with, "As He spake to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his seed forever."
Many of Mary's utterances remind us
of Hannah's prayer or song in 1 Sam.
ii, 1-10, closing with, "He shall give
strength unto His King and exalt the
horn of His anointed." This is the
first reference to Christ as the Messiah
or anointed one. Compare John 1, 41.
The son of Elizabeth being born at the
full time and the eighth day, or time
for circumcision, having come, there
was a little perplexity about a name
for the boy, as some would have him
called by his father's name, but his
mother said, "He shall be called John."
They made signs to his father, who, to
the surprise of all, wrote, "His name is
John" (verses 57-63). See verse 13 and
find the other six who were called by
name before they were born, two of
them several hundred years before, or
at least one.

Notice the release of Zacharias from
his affliction which came upon him be-
cause of unbelief. Faith in Jesus
Christ, the reception of Him as one's
personal Saviour, not only delivers
from the wrath to come, but delivers
from all bondage. The truth shall
make you free. If the Son shall make
you free ye shall be free indeed (John
viii, 32, 36). The hand of the Lord
upon the child reminds us that he was
to be filled with the Spirit from his
birth (verses 15, 66), and the two say-
ings make us think of Ezek. xl, 14;
viii, 3. This is your need and mine,
dear reader, the hand of the Lord upon
us and the Holy Spirit filling and
controlling. From verse 67 to the last
verse of the chapter we have the say-
ings of Spirit filled Zacharias, telling
us of the kingdom which would have
come had the people been willing to
receive John and Jesus and the king-
dom, but which, because of their re-
jection of all, is still in abeyance, wait-
ing for the King to come again in
glory to set up His kingdom of peace
and righteousness. He had spoken by
the mouth of all His holy prophets in
all the Old Testament Scriptures con-
cerning a kingdom to include all na-
tions, with Israel a redeemed people at
the center (verses 68-75; Ps. lxxii, 11,
18; lxxvii, 1-7; Isa. li, 1-4; lx, 1-22, and
everywhere). The prophets told, how-
ever, of a Messiah who would be de-
spised and rejected and be cut off and
have nothing as well as a Messiah who
as son of David would sit on David's
throne (Isa. llii; Dan. vii, 13, 14; lx,
26 margin), but they did not tell of
the long interval of this present age
between the sufferings and the glory,
when during the postponement of the
kingdom and the scattering of Israel
He will gather out by the gospel a
people to share His glory and reign
with Him when the kingdom comes.
This was reserved to be communicated
to Paul and through him to us. See
Rom. xvi, 25-27; xi, 25-27; Eph. iii.
Concerning the postponement of the
kingdom until His return see Luke xix,
11-13; Acts iii, 20, 21, and notice the
joyful worship of the disciples when
they understood that He would come
again in due time to fulfill all the
prophecies concerning His kingdom
(Luke xxi, 25-27, 44-46). The words of
Zacharias and of all the prophets shall
be as literally fulfilled as were all the
predictions concerning His birth and
humiliation, and the time draws ever
nearer. Meantime while we wait for
the literal fulfillment on Israel we
may find in our lives, as His redeemed
ones by His precious blood, many a
fulfillment and manifestation of these
precious words. If we are in Christ
we are delivered from the wrath to
come and are the seed of Abraham
and joint heirs with Him of the whole
world (1 Thess. i, 10; Rom. iv, 13;
viii, 17; Gal. iii, 29). Whether salva-
tion be individual or national, it must
be through the house of David and the
King of the Jews, for salvation is of
the Jews, and there is none other (John
iv, 22; Acts ix, 11). If we are His re-
deemed ones, waiting for the kingdom,
we may by His grace serve Him with-
out fear in holiness and righteousness.

For the Children

A Fungus That Grows
Over an Inch a Minute.



David Fairchild, M. Sc., in charge of
the department of foreign seed and
plant introduction, department of ag-
riculture, writes in regard to the ac-
companying picture:

"This mushroom, the dictyophora,
or 'net bearer,' grows in the jungles of
Java, where it frequently attains a
height of six or eight inches. I tried
to photograph it by time exposure, but
failed, for the reason that it grew so
rapidly during the exposure that the
outlines were blurred on the plate.
The accompanying photograph was ac-
cordingly taken by 'quick exposure,' al-
most a snapshot."

This statement was sent to Profes-
sor Charles H. Peck, Albany, N. Y.,
an expert on fungous growths, and he
replies:

"The inquiry concerning the rapidity
of development of the phalloid fungus
figured therein is a perfectly natural
one, for this marvelous growth seems
at first thought too great to be cred-
ible. Nevertheless these fungi grow
very rapidly when they have begun
to elongate their stems. In Mr. C. G.
Lloyd's Mycological Notes he illus-
trates photographically the develop-
ment of Phallus aurantiacus, which in
one minute lengthened its stem from
six lines to twenty-one lines. The ac-
tual increase in length was fifteen
lines, or one and one-quarter inches,
in one minute. This is not the same
species as that called 'the dictyophora'
in your example, but it is a confir-
mation of the probable correctness of
the surprising statement made by Dr.
Fairchild."—St. Nicholas.

Game of Trades.

A jolly little game for children to
participate in of evenings after study
hour is called "the trades" and is
played in the following manner:

Each participant chooses a trade,
which he exercises in accordance with
the style of the trade. The shoemaker
mends shoes, the carpenter saws
boards, the painter paints a portrait,
the laundress washes linen in a tub,
the cook stirs a cake, the locksmith
hammers a lock, and the spinner turns
a wheel.

One of the party is chosen as leader.
Then all get into a circle, either sit-
ting or standing, and begin exercising
according to their individual vocations.
When the leader tires of his or her
trade he or she quickly takes up that
of the boy or girl seated to the right,
and instantly all leave off their own
trade and begin imitating the move-
ments of the right hand neighbor.
This throws the leadership to the play-
er seated at the original leader's left,
who takes up the trade abandoned by
the first leader. If one of the players
makes a mistake he must pay a forfeit.

Conundrums.

What is the greatest surgical opera-
tion the United States has ever known?
Lansing, Michigan.

On which side of a pitcher should the
handle always be put? On the outside.
In which campaign was the hero
Attila killed? The last one.

Why is a colt like an egg? It must
be broken before it can be used.
What root must you hold in your
hand to stop toothache? The root of
the tooth that aches.—Philadelphia
Ledger.

Origin of Siskiyou.

Siskiyou, county in California and
mountains in Oregon. By some au-
thorities it is said to be a corruption of
the original name given the district in
California by the French—six calloux,
meaning "six bowlders." Others state
that it is an Indian word meaning
"bobtailed horse," the mountains be-
ing so named because a famous bob-
tailed race horse was lost on the trail.
—United States Geological Survey.

The Wayside Inns.

When autumn goes and cold begins
Guests flock to all the wayside inns.
While clouds hang low and snowflakes fly
They hold their dainty revelry.
The flowers are gone that summer knew,
Long since the summer's songsters flew,
But still remain the sturdy weeds
That know the little sparrows' needs.

Though sapless stalks are brown and dry,
The weeds still bear their feasts on high.
The goldfinch here may eat his fill,
The junco lunch on seeds at will.
We never praised in brighter hours
Their sober hues among the flowers
What need have they of human words
Who bring such joy to all the birds?
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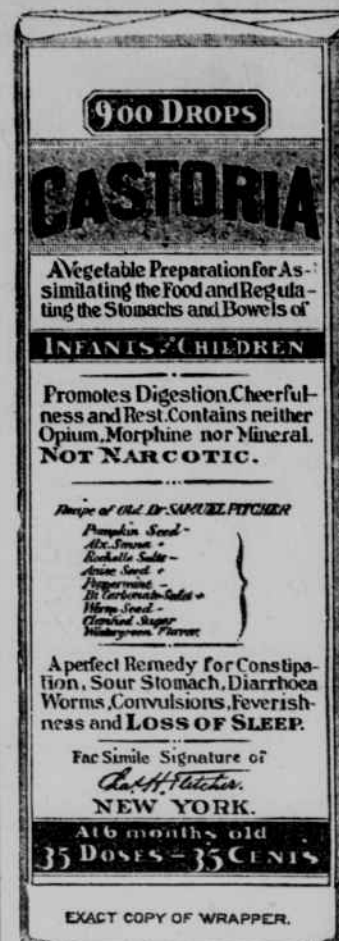
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